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WE RECYCLE

"Going green" and "recycling" seem to be the new buzz words in today's world. But the Senior Nutrition Program at Central District Health Department (CDHD) has been actively recycling for ages.

"Meals On Wheels clients have been helping us to recycle our aluminum trays for 20 years," said Angela Spain, Senior Nutrition Program Manager. Client meals



are served in aluminum trays five days a week. And some clients also get frozen meals for weekend and holidays. "Multiply that by approximately 600 meals per day and it adds up to a lot of aluminum."

Clients are asked to wash out their trays after finishing a meal and then place them in a paper bag for pick up by their driver, who in turn brings the aluminum back to the Meals On Wheels program. "We take the aluminum to the recycling center and that money goes directly back into the program to provide meals for our seniors. We average about \$1,200 a year."

Spain explained that Sanitation Services also picks up tin cans for recycling from the Meridian Senior Center, one of the kitchens where CDHD prepares food for the Meals On Wheels program. "We fill a 3 cubic yard dumpster twice a month. Even though we aren't generating any money by recycling, it keeps the tin out of the landfill," she said.

Cardboard is another product that gets recycled. "We have a volunteer that picks up the cardboard at the Meridian Senior Center every Friday," Spain said. "Again, we don't make any money from this collection, but we're pleased that it's being recycled and not going to the Ada County landfill."

Spain said the program has plans to expand their recycling efforts to all of the meal sites where food is prepared in the near future.

Another recycling program that has had great returns for the program is Project KOPEG (Keep Our Planet Earth Green). Individuals and businesses are encouraged to collect used printer and toner ink cartridges, iPODs, MP3 players, digital cameras, pocket PC's, PDA's and other handheld electronic devices.

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<u>Our Mission Statement:</u> To prevent and treat disease and disability; to promote healthy lifestyles; and to assure the quality and accessibility of health services for senior citizens.

We're A Tobacco Free Zone



To protect the health of everyone at CDHD, no smoking or other tobacco use is permitted in our facilities or on our property, both indoors and out.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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(Meals served at noon) Star Senior Center Wed & Fri 102 S. Main Street Star, ID 83669 286-7943

Garden City Senior Center Wed & Fri 3858 Reed Garden City, ID 83714 336-8122

Mt. Home Senior Center Mon, Wed, Fri 1000 N. 3rd, East Mt. Home, ID 83647 587-4562

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Recipient Spotlight

Sue Howe

For 99-year-old Sue Howe, "just getting up each day and taking it as it comes" is her secret to living a good, long life. Howe, who turned 99 in August, just started receiving Meals On Wheels in February of this year.

"I can't see real well and I have to use a walker to get around, so cooking a meal is a great deal of work for me," she said. "I had learned about the Meals On Wheels program through other friends who live in my apartment complex and thought I'd give them a try."

She receives the meals five days a week and says they're very well-balanced. "I especially enjoy the oven fried chicken and the breakfast meal with scrambled eggs. The salads are great too."



Sue Howe

Howe, who has lived in Boise for the past 25 years, retired at the age of 94 from her clerical job with the Boise National Forest. "I worked there for 23 years and loved it. I really liked the people, the work and the atmosphere."

These days, Howe stays busy and active with help from her two daughters who live in the area and other friends. One of her favorite outings is to The Boise Little Theatre. She served as a volunteer for the organization for 25 years. "I finally had to stop volunteering at 96," she said. "But I still really enjoy seeing the shows."

Maybe that's the real secret to Howe's longevity – knowing no matter what, the show must go on.

Volunteer Spotlight

Jack Keller



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Jack Keller has significantly helped improve the lives of Boise seniors since January 2000. In that time he's contributed more than 550 hours to the Meals On Wheels program.

Jack started delivering Meals On Wheels while he was still employed part-time. He is now fully retired and serves as a back-up driver on 12 of the 31 volunteer routes.

"I really like the people I serve," said Keller. "I enjoy talking with them and they're always happy to see me – even if I'm late," he says with a chuckle.

Jack says he enjoys being a back-up driver because he's able to get around and see more people. "These folks really need the meals because so many of them can't get out of their house," he said.

Jack volunteers to deliver special meals during the year, at Christmas and Easter.

He also serves as an ambassador of the program by always telling others the benefits of volunteering. "It's a very fulfilling thing to do. It's a great way to help so many people in our community," he said.

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Water, Water Everywhere!

Scientists tell us the human body is 55-60% water, which makes drinking water very important, especially for seniors. With the help of two big donations the Meals On Wheels program was able to deliver refreshing and healthy messages about water to the seniors on the program.

When temperatures were hovering in the high-90s this past July, Meals On Wheels teamed up with Rocks Natural Idaho Spring Water to help the elderly stay cool and hydrated. In addition to their regular meals, Meals On Wheels clients received a bottle of water and an information sheet on how to avoid dehydration.

"The hot weather is hard on all of us, but it's especially tough on seniors," said Senior Nutrition Program Manager Angela Spain, "We wanted to remind seniors about the dangers of heat stress and the importance of staying hydrated. We were excited to have Rocks Natural Idaho Spring Water help us deliver that message in a refreshing way."

Drinking enough water is important year-round and so the theme was carried through in September with the help of another generous donor. Paul Frantellizzi, owner of Earthpure Organics, donated 600 bottles of water in biodegradable corn eco-water bottles to be distributed to Meals On Wheels recipients.

"Our program distributes a senior nutrition lesson to each Meals On Wheels client every month, and we decided that drinking enough water was a top priority," said Spain.

There are many benefits of drinking water year-round, even when it gets cooler outside. The benefits include reducing headaches and dizziness, increasing mental and physical performance, enhancing energy, allowing for proper digestion, keeping skin healthy and reducing dementia in the elderly.

The Earthpure water even came in a 'green' package. According to Frantellizzi, the water bottle degrades completely in a compost environment in just 80 days compared to the nearly endless landfill life-span of the typical plastic water bottle. "The bottles are more expensive to produce, but they use 33 percent less energy compared to conventional plastic containers during production. We're the only company in the US that has this bottle," said Frantellizzi.

Also of note, all of Earthpure Organics products, including the bottled water, are fully carbon offset with Green- e^{TM} certified wind power credits. "We want to thank Earthpure Organics for their contribution to our program and also by helping us to keep our earth green with the use of their unique products," said Spain.



Paul Frantellizzi, Audrey Alexander and Justin Ridle stand in front of hundreds of biodegradable corn eco-water bottles in their warehouse.



Renee Voorhees and her granddaughter Kennedy hand a bottle of Rocks Natural Idaho Spring Water to Meals On Wheels client Shirley Eastburn.





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"A business then calls our program for a pick up of their items or they drop them off at our collection box by the front door of Central District Health," said Spain. "We've enjoyed a great partnership with Project KOPEG. Since June 2006 we've raised \$4,296 for the program. That's the equivalent of 716 meals for our seniors."

Individuals and businesses are encouraged to call the Senior Nutrition Program office at 327-7460 to recycle these types of items.

Some of the recycling efforts of the Meals On Wheels program were featured on the CBS 2 News "Project Green" program in September. To see the program visit the CBS 2 News website: http://www.2news.tv/green

Donor Profile

Chef Christopher Hain



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For Emilio's Executive Chef Christopher Hain, food is all about comfort and consistency.

"My focus and philosophy is to make food accessible. That means giving guests upscale and interesting food while remaining approachable and affordable." he said. Being born and raised in Idaho, Hain also likes to incorporate as many local ingredients as he can.

Hain is a firm believer that everyone should understand what they're being served. "Sometimes the language we associate with food is complicated and people aren't sure what they're ordering. With our menu, you know exactly what you'll be served and hopefully it exceeds your expectations," he said.

Hain has been creating his culinary magic at various fine dining restaurants in Boise for the past 15 years. He became the executive chef of The Grove Hotel, in April 2007. "We serve breakfast, lunch and dinner in Emilio's and cater for hundreds of guests daily in our expansive meeting spaces," he said.

Hain is quick to add that local patrons from surrounding businesses can get in and out for lunch within 45 minutes. "We developed a 3-tier pricing structure that makes ordering very easy and affordable," he said. In addition to the special pricing for lunch, Hain has incorporated a fixed price, four-course dinner which includes any salad, sorbet, entrée and dessert chosen from the menu for \$29.00 per person.

Hain has been a regular supporter of Meals On Wheels and especially the Culinary Walk-About event since 2001. "I really enjoy the event," he said. "It's great to see what other chefs in Boise are doing and rewarding that we (chefs) can help such a good cause."



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